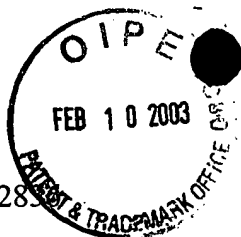


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA, et al.)
Application No.: 09/111,731)
Filed: July 8, 1998)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 17, line 15, to read as follows.

A marked-up copy, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

The setting mode 142 sets the value of the lighting characteristic coefficient
according to the instruction of the user. According to the position of a black triangle mark
on a bar, selected by the manual instruction of the user, the lighting characteristic